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SUBJECT: NATO SATELLITE GROUND TERMINAL (SGT) IN ICELAND

REF: A) USNATO 1688, B) STATE 63714, C) NICSMA/PD
-- (73)48, D) NICSMA/HB(75)20

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO
REF A:

A. U.S. DESIRES AN ALLOCATION OF A TOTAL OF 25 VOICE
EQUIVALENT CHANNELS FOR EXCLUSIVE U.S. NATIONAL MILITARY
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USE AS "QUID" FOR MANNING AND OPERATING THE NATO ICELAND

SGT.

(1) DESTINATIONS OF THE 25 CHANNELS FROM NATO ICELAND SGT ON SATCOM LINKS TO OTHER NATO SGTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) NORFOLK, VIRGINIA - EIGHT CHANNELS.

(B) OAKHANGER, ENGLAND - SEVEN CHANNELS.

(C) PERTH, SCOTLAND - TEN CHANNELS.

(2) IN EVENT NATO PERTH SGT DOES NOT MATERIALIZE, OR IS DELAYED SIGNIFICANTLY, SAY MORE THAN ONE YEAR BEYOND INSTALLATION OF NATO ICELAND SGT, US DESIRES THAT THE TEN CHANNELS REQUESTED FOR PERTH BE ADDED TO THE SEVEN CHANNELS DESTINED FOR OAKHANGER. IF PERTH SGT IS SUBSEQUENTLY INSTALLED, THESE TEN CHANNELS SHOULD BE REROUTED ON THE ICELAND TO PERTH SATCOM LINK.

(3) THE NATO PROVIDED HARDWARE SHOULD INCLUDE VOICE MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT, PATCH AND TEST FACILITIES, AND A CLEARLY DEFINED US/NATO DEMARCATION POINT SUCH AS A DISTRIBUTION FRAME. A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT, IF POSSIBLE, SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN NATO SGT'S AT NORFOLK, PERTH AND OAKHANGER. IN FUTURE, SUCH EQUIPMENT COULD FACILITATE INTERCONNECTION OF COMPLETE NATO OR US 12 OR 24 VOICE CHANNEL GROUPS THROUGH THE NICS AND DCS. PLANNED US SUBSCRIBERS WILL REQUIRE THE EQUIVALENT OF PERFORMANCE SPECIFIED IN CURRENT DCA CIRCULARS FOR DATA, AUTOSEVOCOM, AUTODIN, AND AUTOVON SERVICES. COPIES OF THESE CIRCULARS ARE AVAILABLE IN DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS FIELD OFFICE, BRUSSELS.

(4) MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT FOR 50 BAUD TELETYPEWRITER OPERATION ON U.S. CHANNELS SHOULD NOT BE PROCURED BY NATO. U.S. WILL FURNISH ITS OWN 75 BAUD MULTIPLEX EQUIPMENT FOR USE ON EXCLUSIVE U.S. CHANNELS.

B. WE NOTE THAT SACLANT INTENDS TO ASK DG NICSMA TO OBTAIN SERVICES FROM PUERTO RICO AND AZORES AS ADDITIONAL OFFSET FOR U.S. CHANNELS THROUGH ICELAND SGT, CONFIDENTIAL

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(PARA 2 REF A). PLEASE INFORM DG THAT U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO ADDRESS SACLANT REQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT US/NATO NEGOTIATIONS SINCE THE SACLANT REQUEST IS NOT RELATED TO ICELAND ISSUE. HOWEVER, IN KEEPING WITH SPIRIT OF U.S. AND NATO COOPERATION, U.S. IS WILLING TO CONSIDER SACLANT REQUEST IF IT IS SUBMITTED AS A SEPARATE ACTION.

C. BASED ON OUR CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE IN THE ICELANDIC

AREA PRELIMINARY GROSS ESTIMATES FOR THE COST OF CIVIL WORKS WILL BE 2.8 TO 3 TIMES GREATER THAN FOR PROVIDING THE SIMILAR NATO SGT FACILITY AT NORTHWEST, VA.

D. WE AGREE TO SITE SURVEY DURING WEEK OF MAY 19 AS PROPOSED BY NICSMA. WE SUGGEST THAT THE NICSMA SURVEY TEAM, AUGMENTED AS REQUIRED, VISIT U.S. PRECEDING WEEK TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSED IN REF B.

E. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE (REF C) ARE BEING DEVELOPED. WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE YOU WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 1975.

2. AS NOTED IN REF B, WE CONSIDER THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PREPARE A NATO/UNITED STATES MOU SETTING OUT 'QUID-PRO-QUO' AGREEMENTS BEFORE WE ASSUME ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT HOST NATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SGT. THIS MEMORANDUM WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE NICSMA/NATIONAL UMBRELLA MOU NOW BEING COORDINATED (REF D).

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